

**Michigan Department of Community Health
Lead and Healthy Homes Section
Legislative Report**

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I. Lead and Healthy Homes Section Fiscal Year 2005 Achievements

The following tables summarize the Lead and Healthy Homes Section activities. It should be noted that to date the various funding sources have provided lead abatement for 1,184 units.

Activity	This Period	To Date
Housing units inspected for lead	144	1,815*
HUD-funded housing units abated	59	809*
Healthy Michigan Funded housing units abated (new funding)	14	14
MSHDA PIP Loan funded housing units abated (new to program)	1	1
CMI-funded housing units abated (no additional funding)	2	338*
Maternal & Child Health Block-funded housing units abated (no additional funding)	3	22
Children under the age of six residing in lead-safe homes	86	1,657*
Applications received	147	1,654
Public presentations and meetings	107	309
Enforcement of Lead Abatement Act of 1998 — Activities	72	294**

* Since 1996 ** Since 2000

Accredited Lead Training Course Programs	This Period	Current
Lead Inspector Training Programs	0	3
Risk Assessor Training Programs	0	3
Abatement Supervisor Training Programs	1	8
Abatement Worker Training Programs	0	5
Clearance Technician Training Programs	0	2
Certified Lead Professionals		
Lead Inspector	80	356
Risk Assessor	68	322
Abatement Supervisor	262	925

Abatement Worker	66	150
Clearance Technician	9	59
Abatement Contractor Companies	47	263

In addition to the above, the following accomplishments have occurred this fiscal year in moving forward to the year 2010 goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning:

- Governor Granholm signed six new acts into law during this period as a result of bipartisan support and efforts of concerned interest groups. These laws established the Governor's Lead Poisoning Prevention Commission and their duties, electronic submission of blood lead results to the Department, steps to improve blood lead screening rates by health insurance companies, a landlord penalty bill that will require rental property owners to address lead hazards in housing units that are known to house lead poisoned children under the age of 18, and to establish a web based lead safe housing registry.
- The Department allocated \$1 million of Healthy Michigan Funding to implement the top seven recommendations of the Governors Lead Poisoning Prevention Task Force. These recommendations are:
 - Assist communities in building effective coalitions and obtain grant/foundation funding to address lead poisoning
 - The Department of Community Health should assure the provision of case management for children with elevated blood lead levels above 20 ug/dL.
 - Governor should establish a public health trust to serve as repository of various funds in order to provide a stable funding stream for the prevention of lead poisoning.
 - Michigan should develop and maintain a mandatory lead-status housing registry.
 - Michigan should develop and implement a major public awareness campaign to educate the public on the dangers of lead exposure
 - Michigan should establish a commission to evaluate and coordinate lead resources and activities statewide
 - Michigan should expand the remediation and control of lead hazards in residential environments.
- The Lead Hazard Remediation Program was renamed the Lead and Healthy Homes Section (LHHS). This name change is a result of the program receiving a 3-year Healthy Homes Demonstration Grant from HUD in the amount of \$989,717 to address childhood illness and injury prevention and reduce environmental health triggers of asthma.
- The last of the \$5 million Clean Michigan Initiative funding was allocated and used to abate two homes.
- LHHS has entered into an agreement with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to provide low cost (4-8%) loans for owners of rental and owner-occupied housing in order to make their properties lead-safe. LHHS abated its first unit through this Property Improvement

Program, and is expecting more to follow.

- LHHS completed its second year of a Performance-Based Renewal grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. One additional year remains of the \$3 million award. Fifty nine housing units were made lead-safe in association with this grant during this reporting period.
- The Section's Statewide Field Consultant is operating at full capacity now, and has made 20 homes lead-safe across the state using various available funding and by promoting Property Improvement Program loans mentioned above. This position is funded through the Healthy Michigan Funds as the statewide Lead Abatement Ombudsman. Families with lead poisoned children any where in the state now have access to technical support to address lead hazards within their homes.
- Over the past several years, LHHS has operated a low-cost lead training program for low- and moderate-income individuals and local health department staff performing home investigations for lead poisoned children. The program receives grant funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5. A \$25 co-payment is required to apply for any one of five lead courses. During this year, 149 individuals applied (increase of 27 over the previous year) and 104 (increase of 37 over the previous year) have subsequently been trained. Since the inception of the stipend program, 552 students have received sponsored training by the Lead and Healthy Homes Section. Contact the Program for applications as funding will be available in the new fiscal year using program revenue dollars again.
- MDCH maintains a website that provides valuable information for homeowners, health care providers and lead industry professionals. The lead website can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/leadsafe. The Section's toll-free telephone number is 1 (866) 691-LEAD.

II. Lead and Healthy Homes Section Elements

The Lead and Healthy Homes Section provides six primary functions that address the reduction of lead-based paint poisoning throughout the State of Michigan. They include the 1) administration of various abatement funds to abate lead-based paint hazards in high risk housing units across the state; 2) public and professional education efforts; 3) the certification of lead inspectors, risk assessors, abatement workers, supervisors, clearance technicians, abatement contractors and the accreditation of training providers; and 4) the enforcement of lead professional activities per the Lead Abatement Act of 1998 as amended in 2002; 5) assist communities in building effective coalitions and obtain grant/foundation funding to address lead poisoning; 6) effectively administer the HUD Healthy Homes Demonstration grant to address childhood illness and injury prevention and reduce environmental health triggers of asthma.

III. Fiscal Year 2005 Expenditures

•	Administrative:	
	Certification and Enforcement	\$761,040
	Abatement	\$227,373
•	Laboratory Services	\$29,888
•	Contracts:	\$1,120,594
	State & Local Site Management	
	Abatement Contractors	
•	Total	\$2,138,895

IV. Fiscal Year 2005 Funding Allocations Available

•	Healthy Michigan Funds	\$457,000
•	HUD	\$1,032,600
•	EPA	\$563,162
•	Program Revenue	\$237,400
	TOTAL	\$2,290,162